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Serial No. 10/677,111	Filing Date October 1, 2003	Examiner Unassigned	Group Art Unit 2857
Inventor(s) Erwin Bratzdrum			
Title of Invention PROCEDURE AND DEVICE FOR DATA TRANSMISSION BETWEEN A PROCESSING UNIT AND SEVERAL POSITION MEASURING INSTRUMENTS			

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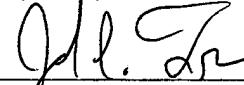
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits the following references for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed along with a completed copy of Form PTO-1449.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
6,388,906 B1	Ferstenberg	05/14/02
6,603,672 B1	Deng et al.	08/05/03

B. U.S. Patent Application Publications

<u>Publication No.</u>	<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
US 2002/0015389 A1	Wastlhuber et al.	02/07/02
US 2002/0015449 A1	Wastlhuber et al.	02/07/02
US2003/0135348 A1	Bratzdrum et al.	07/17/03

C. Foreign Patent References

<u>Reference No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
100 30 358 A1	Germany	01/03/02
100 30 357 A1	Germany	01/17/02
101 62 735 A1	Germany	07/03/03

II. DISCUSSION

A. German Reference No. 100 30 358

The pertinence of the '358 patent reference is discussed at pages 1, 2 and 5 of Applicant's Specification. Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language abstract, the '358 patent reference appears to disclose a serial data transmission method that includes transmission of actual position measuring data in response to a position request command before

transmission of further data that is not time critical. It is believed that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0015389 corresponds to the '358 patent reference.

B. German Reference No. 100 30 357

The pertinence of the '357 patent reference is discussed at pages 1, 2 and 5 of Applicant's Specification. Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language abstract, the '357 patent reference appears to disclose a method of serial data transmission that involves determining a position signal should a request for positioning data arrive during the transfer of a data element from a processing unit to a position measuring system. It is believed that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0015449 corresponds to the '357 patent reference.

C. German Reference No. 101 62 735

The pertinence of the '735 patent reference is discussed at page 13 of Applicant's Specification. Based solely on the drawings and the enclosed English language abstract, the '735 patent reference appears to disclose determining times of flight for position signals between a position measurement device and a signal-processing unit. It is believed that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2003/0135348 corresponds to the '735 patent reference.

III. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. However, Applicant wishes to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicant's desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicant therefore requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each

reference and make the above-listed references of record.

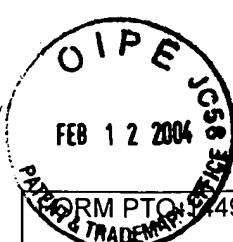
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A16	101 62 735 A1	07/03/2003	Germany		Yes
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